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proposal has been discussed before in the body. I really fail to see that it can accomplish as much as some would hope that it would do. Or at least I think the same things could essentially be accomplished as we are now constituted. It would appear to me that, again perhaps this is a nice idea but it seems to me it ought to be one that is not a pressing need in relation to some of the other constitutional amendments that might be placed on the ballot and one that would not really need to be placed on the ballot at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Swigart.

SENATOR SWIGART: Mr. President, having been on the committee I rise to support the change suggested by Mr. Mahoney. Having lived on a farm, I think that this might help the farmer a bit because it might give them a chance to get out a few days early. I think it's this congestion that we want to avoid. I would like to make a comment about Mr. Mahoney's suggestion that our good citizens and constituents could call us up then between the 15th and the 30th and tell us whether this is a good or bad bill. I go along with that and think it's very good. You know it isn't when they call and tell you whether it's a good or bad or not, it's the other things that they say on the phone while they are calling you that bother me. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I rise to support the Mahoney amendment . . . constitutional amendment. I think, for some time here, we have been talking about adding a little professionalism and an efficient approach to government. The new members, and certainly all of us here again, recognize that the first ten or twelve days of this session we were spinning our wheels. We were not able to attach, defend, or address issues of substance, simply by the introduction of the bills that are ready at that particular time. I might remind you on first three or four days we didn't have the 500 bills in. It was only after two or three weeks that we finally got that number and are still growing. But I would suggest to you that this would allow us to get to the business at hand and address the issues at hand at an earlier time. I think it's a very reasonable and logical approach to making us more efficient in our operation, where we can ultimately do our job which is our purpose for being here.

PRESIDENT: Senator Savage.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Mr. President, I turned off my light. I wanted to answer Senator Marsh. I think this is a . . . I rise in support of the bill. I think organizing our committees so that they can start out right away and know what some of the committee chairmen . . . assign them their office space and their staff and get some of that early preliminary work out of the way. I think it is a very fine thing to do.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.